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Medical Officer of Health:
C.A. HARVEY, M.B., C.H.B., D.P.H.

Chief Sanitary Inspector:
H.W. PRIDMORE, Cert. S.I.B., M.S.I.A., M.R.S.I.,
as Sanitary Inspector and Meat and Foods Inspector.

Additional Sanitary Inspectors:

(a) P.E. Miller, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

(b) C.R. Southgate, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A. Appointed January, 1955.

(c) K.D. Ballard, M.S.I.A., M.R.S.I.

Clerks:

(d) Miss. D. Anderson (Shorthand-Typist)

(e) Miss. J. Bonfield (Clerk) Appointed May, 1955.

(f) I. Roddie (Pupil-Sanitary Inspector)

ANNUAL REPORT OF 1955

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BIGGLESWADE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the report on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances for 1955.

A view of the statistics shows that the death rate of 13.2 is somewhat higher than that for 1954 and also higher than the rate of 11.7 for England and Wales. Out of a total of 348 deaths, 185 were attributable to diseases of the heart and circulatory system and 54 to cancer.

The birth rate of 14.2 shows a decrease of 1.7 compared with the rate for 1954.

The infant mortality rate of 8 is the lowest ever recorded in the area, and is very considerably lower than the rate of 24.9 for the country as a whole.

During the year there was a prevalence of measels, 553 cases being notified. There were no deaths from either of these diseases.

It is pleasing to note than in the foreseeable future at least part of the four parish sewerage scheme will be an accomplished fact. The needs of Henlow and Langford however, are still as urgent as ever and the implementation of the scheme to cover these districts should not be delayed.

I wish to express my thanks to the officials of the Council and their staffs for their continued co-operation.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

C.A. HARVEY.

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	49,152
Registrar-General's estimate of Population..	26,320
Number of Inhabited houses end of 1955.....	7,161
Rateable Value	£118,437
Sum represented by a penny rate	£475. 0. 0.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

LIVE BIRTHS.	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	173	183	356
Illegitimate	13	6	19
	186	189	375

Crude birth rate per 1,000 Home Population ...	14.2
Adjusted birth rate per 1,000 Home Population.	15.1
Birth Rate for England and Wales.....	15.0

STILL BIRTHS.	Males	Females	Total.
Legitimate	6	-	6
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	6	-	6

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Total Births	15.8
Still Birth Rate for England and Wales	23.1

DEATHS.

	Males	Females	Total.
All causes	195	153	348

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 Home Population	13.2
Adjusted Death Rate per 1,000 Home Population....	13.2
Death Rate for England and Wales.....	11.7

Deaths from diseases and accidents of pregnancy and child birth:

From Sepsis	0
From other causes.....	0
	0

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE:

	Males	Females	Total.
Legitimate	2	1	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	2	1	3

Rate for all infants per 1,000 live births 8.0
Rate for England and Wales 24.9

DEATHS FROM:-

Measles (all ages).....:..... -
Whooping Cough ..... -
Influenza 1
Cancer (all ages)..... 53

STATISTICAL TABLE 1946 - 1955.

	DEATH RATE		BIRTH RATE		INFANT MORTALITY RATE	
Year	Biggleswade R.D.C.	England & Wales	Biggleswade R.D.	England & Wales	Biggleswade R.D.	England & Wales.
1946	12.8	11.5	17.0	19.1	40.0	43
1947	12.4	12.0	21.0	20.5	22.9	41
1948	10.8	10.8	16.86	17.9	29.18	34
1949	9.7	11.7	16.4	16.7	10.9	32
1950	10.2	11.7	15.0	15.8	20.5	29
1951	8.7	12.5	11.7	15.5	28.6	29.6
1952	9.1	11.3	13.4	15.3	25.0	27.6
1953	10.6	11.4	14.4	15.5	15.9	26.8
1954	12.2	11.3	15.9	15.2	25.5	25.5
1955	13.2	11.7	14.2	15.0	8.0	24.9

CAUSES OF DEATH.

The following table shows causes of death as given in the Registrar-General's statistics:-

	Causes of Death.	Males	Females.
	All Causes	195	153
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	5	1
2.	Tuberculosis, other	-	-
3.	Syphilitic disease	1	1
4.	Diphtheria	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	-	-
6.	Meningococcal infections	-	-
7.	Acute poliomyelitis	-	-
8.	Measles	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	6	7
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	7	2
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	4
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	2
14.	Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	14	11
15.	Leukaemia, aleumnemia	1	-
16.	Diabetes	1	-
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	20	19
18.	Coronary disease, angina	30	20
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	5	7
20.	Other heart disease	35	40
21.	Other circulatory disease	5	4
22.	Influenza	-	1
23.	Pneumonia	7	3
24.	Bronchitis	7	5
25.	Other disease of respiratory system	3	1
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	4	2
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	2
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	1	2
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	6	-
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	1
31.	Congenital malformations	-	1
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	29	11
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	3	-
34.	All other accidents	4	6
35.	Suicide	-	-
36.	Homicide and operations of war	1	-

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES:

1. Laboratory Facilities.

The services of the Public Health Laboratory, General Hospital, Kimbolton Road, Bedford, is available for the examination of any material submitted by the Health Department or by General Practitioners. This service is under the direction of the Medical Research Council through the Ministry of Health, and there is no charge to the Council. The laboratory undertakes the examination of throat swabs, sputum, urine and faeces, and blood from all cases of suspected infectious disease, and advice and assistance is always available.

2. Ambulance Facilities.

The Bedfordshire County Council provides a complete service covering the whole of the County. The service is a twenty-four hour one and is free of charge, and is available for the removal of all cases requiring admission to hospital and also for the transport of patients who are unable to use other means of transport to and from Hospitals or Clinics, so that they can receive any necessary treatment. The request for the provision of an ambulance must be made by a General Practitioner or by an Authorised Person.

The service is also available for transport of persons suffering from infectious disease to isolation hospital.

The following depots are situated in the eastern and northern districts of the County:-

Biggleswade ...	Crab Lane ...	Tel. Biggleswade	2295.
Bedford ...	Bedford Road, Kempston.	Bedford	5335 & 5336.

3. Midwifery and Domociliary Nursing Services.

Under the National Health Service Act, 1946, the County Council became the responsible authority for these services, the day to day administration being under the Eastern Divisional Health Committee.

The following is a list of the nurses and their districts:

Midwifery and Domociliary Nursing Services (Cont.)

District.	Name and Address of Nurse.	Tel. No.
Sandy Everton Tempsford.	Miss H.W. Pearse, 68, St. Neots Rd., Sandy.	Sandy 105.
Biggleswade Edworth Dunton (Midwifery only.)	Miss M.P. Stafford, 17, Saffron Rd., Biggleswade.	Biggleswade 3266.
Potton Sutton Wrestlingworth Cockayne Hatley Eyeworth.	Miss F.C. Bishop, Post Office, Sutton.	Potton 209.
Biggleswade Edworth Dunton (General Nursing only.)	Miss E. Dillistone, 2, High Street, Biggleswade.	Biggleswade 3177.
Southill Old Warden Clifton.	Mrs. P.R. Corns, 20, Stanford Rd., Southill.	Shefford 380.
Henlow Langford	Miss A.H. Peddie, 31, High Street, Henlow.	Clifton 261
Arlesey	Miss D.J. Peck, Chase Farm Road, Arlesey.	Arlesey 362.
Stotfold Astwick.	Miss G. Nicholson, The Retreat, Church Road, Stotfold.	Stotfold 208.
Shefford Chicksands Campton Meppershall Upper Stondon.	Miss D.M. Collie, 47, Southfields, Shefford.	Shefford 307
Blunham Mogerhanger Northill.	Mrs. E.M. Wyer, 62, Stratton Way, Biggleswade.	Biggleswade 2028.

4. Clinics and Treatment Centres.

(a) Child Welfare Centres -

Arlesey	Methodist Schoolroom.	Monday p.m.	Fortnightly.
Biggleswade	"The Lawns" Health Centre.	Tuesday p.m.	Weekly.
Blunham	Village Hall	Thursday p.m.	Every four weeks.
Henlow	R.A.F. Camp.	Thursday p.m.	Weekly.
Potton	Parish Hall.	Wednesday p.m.	Fortnightly.
Sandy	Church Room.	Thursday p.m.	Fortnightly.
Shefford	Methodist Schoolroom.	Wednesday p.m.	Weekly.
Stotfold	Unionist Club.	Monday p.m.	Fortnightly.
Tempsford	Stuart Memorial Hall.	Thursday p.m.	Every four weeks.
Langford	Ivy Leaf Club.	Thursday a.m.	Fortnightly.
Wrestlingworth	Memorial Hall.	Tuesday p.m.	Fortnightly.

(b) Ante-Natal Clinics -

Biggleswade	"The Lawns" Health Centre.	Tuesday a.m.	Fortnightly.
Shefford	Methodist Schoolroom.	Wednesday a.m.	Fortnightly.
Stotfold	Unionist Club.	Monday a.m.	Fortnightly.

(c) Tuberculosis.

The Chest Clinic,
Bedford General Hospital, (North Wing).
Kimbolton Road,
Bedford.

The days and times of attendance are:-

Monday	2 - 2.30 p.m. & 6 - 6.30 p.m.	Refills (A.P. & P.P.)
Tuesday	9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.) 2 p.m. to 5. p.m.)	Women and children - new and old patients.
Wednesday	9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	Contacts.
	2 - 3.30 p.m.	Doctors Mini Film Clinic.
	3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.	To examine films sent by Factory Doctors.
Thursday	9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.	Males - old and new patients.

Clinics and Treatment Centres (Cont.)

(d) Venereal Diseases Clinic -

Bedford General Hospital South Wing. The days and time of attendance are:-

Men and Women.	Wednesday	5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
	Friday	3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Medical Officer in attendance:-

Wednesday 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply.

Water is supplied to the area by the Biggleswade Water Board and has proved very satisfactory in quality and quantity. Samples have been taken periodically during the year and the results have shown that the supply is of the highest standard of organic and bacterial purity.

The following report by the Counties Public Health Laboratories of a sample sent for examination on 20th Octobrr, 1955 is typical

Chemical Examination in parts per Million.

Appearance - Bright with very few mineral particles.

Colour	Filtered	3
Turbidity	Less than	3
Odour		Nil
Reaction pH. Neutral		7.4
Free Carbon Dioxide		8
Electric Conductivity at 20 degs. C.		360
Total Solids dried at 180 degs. C.		240
Chlorine present as Chlorides		10
Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate		170
Hardness. Total		190
Carbonate		170
Non Carbonate		20
Nitrate Nitrogen		0.0
Nitrite Nitrogen		Absent
Ammoniacal Nitrogen [1]		0.11
Oxygen Absorbed		0.00
Albuminied Nitrogen [1]		0.000
Residual Chlorine		Absent
Metals Iron		0.20
Other Metals		Absent

[1] To convert to Ammonia miltiply by 1.21.

Bacteriological Examination.

(Sampling bottles are treated to remove residual chlorine, if present.)

Number of Colonies developing on Agar per cc. or ml. in

1 day at 37 degs. C. .....0 per ml.
2 days at 37 degs. C. .....0 per ml.
3 days at 20 degs. C. .....0 per ml.

	Present in.	Absent From.	Probable Number.
Presumptive Coliform-aerogenes ... Reaction.	Ml.	100 ml.	0 per 100 ml.
Bact. coli. (Type 1.)	Ml.	100 ml.	0 per 100 ml.
Cl. welchii Reaction	Ml.	100 ml.	

This is a very satisfactory sample. It is clear and bright in appearance and is of the highest standard of bacterial purity indicative of a wholesome water suitable for drinking and domestic purposes.

25th October, 1955.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES, OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS.

(a) General Statistics.

The following table shows the number of cases of infectious diseases notified during the year, together with the number of cases admitted to hospital and the deaths from these diseases.

Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) notified during the year 1955.

Disease.	Total cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total deaths registered.
Scarlet Fever	3	-	-
Whooping Cough	64	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis-Paralytic	2	1	-
Measles	553	-	-
Pneumonia	19	-	1
Dysentery	1	-	-
Erysipelas	3	-	-
Meningococcal Infection	2	1	-
Jaundice	5	-	-

ANALYSIS OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1955.

Disease	Under 1 year.		1 to 3		3 to 5		5 to 10		10 to 15		15 to 25		25 to 35		35 to 45		45 to 65		65 and upwards		Total all ages.
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Whooping Cough	3	6	4	7	10	7	14	12	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64
Acute Polio-myelitis.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Measles.	2	34	40	40	65	53	166	160	11	10	1	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	553
Pneumonia	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	1	4	2	1	3	19
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	3
Meningoc-occal Infection	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Jaundice.	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	5

SCARLET FEVER:

There were 3 cases notified, and none were admitted to hospital.

DIPHTHERIA:

No cases were notified.

MEASLES:

There were 553 cases notified.

WHOOPING COUGH:

64 cases were notified.

MENINGOCOCCAL INFECTION:

One case notified and admitted to hospital.

ACUTE POLIOMYELITIS - PARALYTIC.

One case admitted to hospital.

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPTHERIA.

The County Council, under the National Health Service Act, 1946, provides this treatment free of charge through the family Doctor, or at School or a Child Welfare Centre. The figures have been supplied by the Eastern Divisional Medical Officer.

The number of cases of, and deaths from Diptheria, have shown a remarkable decline since the introduction of immunisation, and no case has been notified in the district for several years. In order to ensure that outbreaks of this disease will not occur in the future, itis necessary that at least 75 per cent of all children under the age of 15 years should be protected effectively against the disease i.e., they should have had either a primary immunisation or a 'booster' injection within the last five years.

Protection against Whooping Cough.

Since the 1st November, 1956, the County Council have made facilities available for the protection against Whooping Cough of young children who have not had the disease, and whose parents are desirous of having such protection given to their children. The Whooping Cough vaccine can be given alone, or in combination with Diphtheria Prophylactic.

Primary Immunisation during 1955.

Born Age at 31.12.55	1955 under 1	1954 1	1953 2	1952 3	1951 4	1946-1950 5-9	1941-1945 10-14	Total under 15
	102	62	14	4	2	40	5	229

TUBERCULOSIS.

The following table shows the number of new cases, and the number of deaths in their age groups.

Age Distribution of Cases and Deaths.

Age Periods.	New Cases				Deaths.			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
15.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20.	3	2	-	1	-	-	-	-
25.	1	3	-	-	1	-	-	-
35.	1	3	-	1	-	-	-	-
45.	3	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
55.	3	-	1	2	1	-	-	-
65 and over	-	1	1	-	2	1	-	-
Totals.	12	11	2	5	5	1	-	-

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925.

No action was taken under these regulations.

C.A. HARVEY.
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Council Offices,
Biggleswade.

REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1955

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my thirteenth Annual Report upon the work carried out by your Sanitary Inspectors.

I am again pleased to be able to report progress in the work of the department. Much was achieved with the minimum use of Statutory Authority.

Mr. C.R. Southgate commenced duties as Additional Inspector in January.

Unfortunately, Miss. D. Anderson, Shorthand-Typist in the department was involved in a serious motor accident in February and has been away from work ever since.

SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

Dwellinghouses inspected under the Public Health or Housing Act	827.
Re-inspections and visits to works in progress	851.
Visits to new buildings in course of erection	477.
Visits to Dairies and Milk Distributors	15.
Visits and inspections of food premises	93.
Visits re infectious disease	12.
Numbers of rooms fumigated after infectious disease	9.
Miscellaneous visits (including refuse collection and rodent control)	2027.

NOTICES SERVED

61 Intimation Notices or letters in respect of 74 properties were sent and 3 Statutory Notices served.

HOUSING

A considerable amount of work has been done in connection with the survey of properties carried out under Section 1 of the 1954 Act.

As the result of this survey it was found that some 200 dwellings were in such a state of disrepair as to be unfit for human occupation. A small sub-committee has been appointed to deal with the problem and to formulate the Council's programme for dealing therewith.

During the year 47 applications for Improvement Grants were received and approved involving a total of £23,370. 50% grants were made in each case.

NUISANCES

All complaints of nuisances received during the year have been investigated and dealt with satisfactorily.

The following works were carried out during the year:-

Sanitary improvements (including drainage work)..... 87

Nuisances abated..... 42

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

No cases of infestation were reported during the year.

SUPERVISION OF FOOD SUPPLIES

The supervision of food supplies continues to occupy a considerable amount of your Inspectors' time.

There are 10 licensed slaughter houses in the district - at one of which, an inspector is engaged whole time. Even so a considerable amount of overtime is necessary, involving work on Sundays.

Details of animals slaughtered, carcases inspected and condemned, are given in the following table:-

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number slaughtered	4,201	413	1,517	6,688	20,793
Number inspected	4,201	413	1,517	6,688	20,793
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS					
Whole carcases condemned	1	2	15	10	6
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1,386	291	13	993	1,045
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis.	32.77	70.94	1.84	14.99	5.05
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY					
Whole carcases condemned.	8	4	5	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	253	124	6	-	262
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	6.21	30.9	0.72	-	1.26

14 cases of Cysticercus Bovis which is the intermediate or cystic stage of Taenia Saginata, a tapeworm of man.

The following weight of meat found to be unfit for human food, was as follows:-

	Tons	Cwts	Qrs	Lbs
Beef	6	2	2	8
Beef offal	13	13	2	22
Mutton	1	2	3	1
Mutton offal	1	6	3	15
Pork	1	16	1	11
Pork offal	1	14	2	20
Veal		7	3	13
Veal offal		2	2	3

Total amount of meat unfit for human consumption:-

26 Tons. 7 Cwts. 1 Qrs. 19 lbs.

MILK

During the year 17 dealer's licences were issued. Twenty five samples were submitted for examination, one of which failed.

ICE CREAM

Only eight premises are registered for the manufacture and sale of ice cream, whilst 58 are registered for the sale of ice cream.

All premises have been maintained in a satisfactory condition.

OTHER FOODS

Regular visits have been paid to other food shops and as a result, the following food has been found unfit for human consumption:-

10 lbs of Cheese.
2 stone of fish.
12 lbs of ham.
40 lbs of bacon.
62 tins various foodstuffs.
1 box sausage casings.

REFUSE COLLECTION

I am pleased to report that during the year this service has been extended. Whereas all household refuse has in the past been removed from only 15 parishes, it is now removed from the remaining 10 parishes.

Labour is provided by contract and the Council provides the vehicles. The scheme has worked satisfactorily and is much appreciated by the householders.

Disposal of refuse is by controlled tipping at Stanford and Everton.

NIGHTSOIL REMOVAL AND CESSPOOL EMPTYING

These functions continue to be satisfactorily discharged by the contractor with the three vehicles provided by the Council; in all parishes except Arlesey, Potton and Stotfold, which are sewered.

RODENT CONTROL

The following table shows the number of properties inspected and treated by the Rodent Operator:-

	Local Authority	Dwelling-houses	All others including business	TOTAL
No. of properties inspected	16	368	32	416
No. of properties inspected found to be infested	16	164	14	194
No. of infested properties treated.	16	164	14	194

In addition to the above, test baiting of the Council's sewers was undertaken in Arlesey, Potton and Stotfold. Evidence of infestation was found at Potton and the necessary treatment carried out.

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

Work has not yet commenced in the sewering of Clifton and Shefford, but it is hoped that a start may be made early in the new year.

The sewage Disposal Works at Arlesey, Stotfold and Potton have again been maintained in a satisfactory condition.

The consumption of electricity at Arlesey and Stotfold works has been as follows:-

Parish	Main station.	Average per day.	Sub-station.	Average per day
Arlesey	14,571 units	39.81 units.	13,860 units.	37.86 units.
Stotfold	16,090 units.	43.96 units.	7,820 units.	21.36 units.

The engines at Potton have worked 3,129 hours - an average of 8 hours 33 minutes per day.

DITCHES

During the year, 498 chains of ditches have been cleansed at a total cost of £473.

RAINFALL

The following table shows the rainfall recorded at the Sewage Disposal Works:-

MONTH	ARLESEY		STOTFOLD		POTTON	
	Rainfall	Days	Rainfall	Days	Rainfall	Days
January	1.52"	12	1.75"	12	1.81"	18
February	1.47"	19	1.54"	20	1.38"	19
March	NOT RECORDED		0.80"	10	1.45"	9
April	0.41"	8	0.43"	8	0.63"	9
May	3.82"	15	3.72"	5	3.68"	22
June	2.26"	9	1.71"	7	2.40"	19
July	0.62"	4	0.50"	4	0.33"	7
August	1.15"	8	1.14"	8	0.68"	9
September	1.19"	10	1.18"	9	1.71"	10
October	1.87"	11	1.82"	12	2.00"	18
November	0.69"	8	0.81"	8	1.10"	19
December	1.96"	19	1.67"	19	2.02"	22
Total	16.96"	123	17.07"	132	19.19"	181

ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937

1. Inspections -

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of written notices and Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	31	45	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i), in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	87	60	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	-	-	-
Total	118	105	-

2. Cases in which defects were found:-

	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector.	By H.M. Inspector.	
Want of cleanliness	-		-	-	-
Overcrowding	-		-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-		-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-		-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors.	-		-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:-					
(a) Insufficient	-		-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	-	2	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-		-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).	-		-	-	-
Total	2	2	-	2	-

OUTWORK

Section 110

Nature of Work	No. of outworkers in August list required by Sec.110(i)c.	No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council.	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises.
Glove making	4	-	-	-

Section 111

Notices served	Prosecutions
Nil	Nil

NEW BUILDINGS

During the year, 278 plans were submitted and approved under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947, and the Council's Building Byelaws.

28 other plans were submitted but not approved.

LICENCES TO DEAL IN GAME

Visits and inspections	3
Number of licences granted	3

PETROLEUM ACTS

Number of licences granted	86
Amount of fees received	£52. 15s. 0d.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to the Chairman and members of the Council, the Clerk and Medical Officer of Health for their consideration and support, and also to the staff of the Public Health Department for their loyal co-operation.

Your obedient servant,

H.W. PRIDMORE,

SANITARY INSPECTOR.

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